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## GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that two individuals were indicted on July 21, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Kansas City, Kansas. Those indicted include:

• Carlos Valdez-Gonzalez, 23, Mexico, currently in custody, is charged with six counts of unlawfully transporting illegal aliens in Leavenworth County, Kansas, on July 10, 2004.

If convicted, Valdez-Gonzalez faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, on each count. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

• **Jaimond D. Martin**, 22, Kansas City, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams (more than 1.76 ounces) of crack cocaine on July 11, 2004, in Kansas City, Kansas.

If convicted, Martin faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI Task Force and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Tristram Hunt.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.